

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 34 through 38 and 44 through 48 are pending, with Claims 34 and 44 being independent. Claims 34, 36 through 38, 44, and 46 through 48 have been amended.

SECOND REQUEST FOR RETURN OF FORM PTO-1449

As an initial matter, Applicants again respectfully request return of the Form PTO-1449 from the December 16, 2005 Information Disclosure Statement. Favorable consideration in this regard is earnestly solicited.

FURTHER REMARKS

Claims 34 through 38 and 44 through 48 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over U.S. Patent No. 5,625,410 (Washino, et al.) in view of newly-cited U.S. Patent No. 5,426,513 (Scorse, et al.). All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 34 and 44 variously recite, inter alia, setting the number of pixels and a compression rate individually according to a user request (Claim 34) or user requests (Claim 44) --before the image capture unit captures the images--, and controlling the number of pixels according to the number and the compression ratio according to the compression ratio.

The Official Action acknowledges that Washino, et al. fails to show such features, and therefore relies upon Scorse, et al. This reliance is respectfully traversed.

Applicants respectfully submit that Scorse, et al. shows, e.g., selecting the resolution for each image, and selecting the compression level for each image (e.g., Fig. 2) — after the image has been captured; however, Applicants respectfully submit that neither the foregoing nor the remainder of Scorse, et al. provides either a description or a

suggestion of at least the above-discussed claimed features as recited, inter alia, in Claims 34 and 44, including the recitation of --before the image capture unit captures the images--.

It is further respectfully submitted that there has been no showing of any indication of motivation in the cited documents that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at the above-discussed claimed features.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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